

REMARKS

Claims 1, 14, 16, and 18 are amended herein to omit the computer-generated limitation, mooted the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections, and to recite displaying a visualization of network resources. Support for these amendments is found throughout Applicant's specification, and in particular at Figures 3 and 4, and ¶¶ 0002, 0029. No new matter is added.

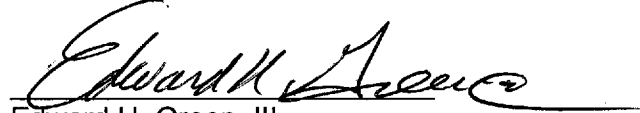
The Examiner maintained the rejections of the independent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by US patent application number 2003/0025812 to Slatter. Slatter discloses feature selection and zooming and panning of photographic images in a digital camera. "The present invention relates to a method of and apparatus for the automatic or semi-automatic selection of areas of interest within an image and the zooming in and zooming out of those areas of interest." ¶ 0001.

A photographic image is not a visualization of network resources. Even a hypothetical photograph of two or more interconnected computers would not comprise a visualization of network resources wherein each resource has attributes that may be matched against predetermined criteria, as required by the claimed limitations. Slatter fails to disclose or suggest zooming in/out of a visualization of network resources so as to generate a future display that includes the largest possible number of resources of interest, as recited in claims 1, 14, 16, and 18. Accordingly, the § 102 rejections are improper, and must be withdrawn.

All dependent claims include the limitations of their respective parent claim(s), and thus the dependent claims additionally define patentable novelty over the art of record. All claims are now in condition for allowance, which prompt action is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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